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Alabama

COLORED FAIR DATES ARE EARLY OCTOBER

The management of the North Alabama Colored Fair reports that much progress has been made in the plans for the holding of its twelfth annual Fair. Following the custom inaugurated last year of allowing a week to intervene between the white Fair and the colored Fair, the dates for the colored Fair are October 7, 8, 9, 10, 1931. The catalogue for the Fair has been sent to press and the management expresses itself as more than gratified with the advertising support given by the splendid banks and businesses of the city. The catalogue will be ready for distribution about the middle or latter part of July and promises both in content and taste to be one of the best yet published. Contracts for shows, bands and free acts are pending and with a wealth of material to select from this phase of the Fair should be better than ever. The many inquiries from horsemen from miles around assures one of the fastest and best racing programs yet presented. In short the Fair as usual will offer four days and nights of everything that goes to make up a first class Fair. Wholesome amusements; exhibits of all kinds from farms and firesides; daily racing and band concerts. Prepare now to meet your friend there October 7, 8, 9, 10, 1931.

Negro Day Today At Fall Festival

10-23-31

Negro school children will be admitted to the Greater Montgomery Fall Festival and Livestock Show and all sideshows and rides for half price today, designated as "Colored Day."

A special program for negro children will be staged by the Dutton Circus at the grandstand and a comic mule race with all-negro riders has been arranged by the management.

Stroutt's Hussar Band will open the grandstand entertainments at 1:30 p.m. to be followed by the 14 vaudeville acts by the Dutton troupe. Two horse races and the mule race will follow.

Along the midway where all Rubin and Cherry attractions will offer admittance to negro children for five cents, special programs will be presented. The Dixie Singers and world wonder exhibits as well as the animal shows will be featured.

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Florida

Sebring, Fla., News
Thursday, August 13, 1931

Progress of the Negro Farming Being Shown During American Fair

A booth showing the progress of negro farming in Florida is proving an interesting part of the State Department of Agriculture exhibit at the American Fair in Atlantic City. The fair opened July 16 and will close August 26. During the 40-day period more than a million visitors from all parts of the country are expected.

In the booth staple farm products and home industries, along with explanatory charts and statistics, are artistically displayed. Eighty-two varieties of different grains grown in Florida, 182 varieties of forage crops, and 36 varieties of hay are exhibited. Many products made at home from palmetto reeds, corn shucks, pine needles, wiregrass, etc., are shown.

Charts show that in 20 counties having negro extension workers and vocational teachers nearly 2,000 negro farmers are land owners and nearly 1,000 others are tenant farming. These negroes cultivate over 100,000 acres.

A. A. Turner, negro district extension agent, is in charge of the booth, which is the first of its kind to attract such attention at a national fair.

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Georgia

COLORED FAIR A GREAT SUCCESS

GEO. L. SMITH

The Macon County Colored Fair was a great success and a credit to the teachers and workers of the county. There were twenty-five schools on display this year as compared with seventeen last year and not that many in years before. All of the teachers had their exhibits arranged properly, for the judges, on time. The judges were Miss Bethel, teacher of H. E. in the white high school, Miss Huguley, Home Demonstration Agent (white) and Mrs. Charles Greer, Oglethorpe, (white).

Of the county schools Oglethorpe won first prize for arrangement, Shade Arnold took a close second with Belvin taking a worthy third. The various articles on display were judged separately and the many prizes went to different schools.

There is a general opinion that the work displayed at these annual fairs has improved each year and this year is no exception. In the recent exhibits one could notice that the articles were more useful and more educational than in previous years. Heretofore, there has been a great deal of work made especially for a fancy display. That idea has been discouraged among the teachers. More stress has been placed on the economy of making an article for real value than on making something for an attractive show. The displays from the Training School were taken as a unit and judged separately by the same judges.

The meeting Friday was opened by two of the local ministers, after which Supt. J. P. Nelson expressed his deepest interest and appreciation to the teachers and friends for making the fair possible. Prof. W E. Roberts, Oglethorpe responded to Mr. Nelson with timely remarks on a better school by consolidation of the many poorly equipped schools into one well equipped high school. It is reasonable to suppose that one well equipped school including sufficient number of prepared teachers would be more easily supported than the thirty-four dilapidated buildings spotted about over the county.

The Farmer's Conference was addressed by Mr. H. A. Hunt, Fort Valley, Mr. Hunt's message was short and sound in that he advocated to the men "buy some land while land is cheap."

Two games of basket ball followed a well done set of physical exercises by the students of the sixth and seventh grades respectively.

The play "Nobody's Darling" was presented to a large audience.

The prizes were awarded and everybody went home pleased with the method used to carry out the plans of the fair.

The teachers of Macon County wish to express their appreciation to the many white friends who came to see the displays.

Thanks is expressed to those people who were called upon to assist in preparing dinner for the invited guest.

Colored County Fair Will Be Held On the 26th and 27th of Feb.

The colored teachers of Macon County will have their annual fair on Thursday and Friday the 26th and 27th respectively, at the Macon County Training School, Montezuma, Ga. Each teacher is working hard to put on the best exhibits that have ever been displayed in the county. There will be a booth from every school community to represent the work of the patrons. This is the first time that community booths have been taken as part of the fair. This is done simply to create interest in the various school communities. Working in Macon County, is an experienced County Agent, and he is planning to meet personally all of the land owning farmers. Each farmer that feels the need of aid from the general depression should strive to attend the fair. In connection with the fair will be held a Farmers' Conference and the State Agricultural men will make talks and answer questions that may solve several local farm problems. White farmers are invited and are asked to insist upon their farm tenants to attend this conference. Several communities are planning to put on display ten of the best ham (cured). The local store dealers are expected to prepare displays to promote their various lines of business. Every citizen of Macon County should make it convenient to attend the fair. There will be something to interest every person. The boys and girls will play basket ball with the boys and girls of Fort Valley. The Montezuma girls have had a successful year in basket ball in that they have played two of the outstanding teams in Central and Southwest Georgia and have won both games. They took their first game from Americus Institute and their second from the Fort Valley High and Industrial School. The boys have won one and lost two but the team is in fine shape and plays good basket ball. Friday night will find the Montezuma players amusing themselves with the noted play "Nobodys Darling". Remember the date, February 27th at the Montezuma Colored School.

Prof. J. P. Nelson, County Supt.
Prof. G. L. Smith, Prin, Co. Tr. School.
Mrs. M. A. Flournoy, County Supervisor.

EXHIBITS ARE BEST IN POLK FAIR HISTORY

Justifying the predictions it's sponsors, the Polk County Fair opened Monday afternoon with the most attractive and complete exhibit of the county's agricultural resources ever featured at a Polk County Fair, and attendance judged by the number of visitors present on the opening days, is expected to set new records.

Agricultural Exhibits

The agricultural tent, in charge of county agent Garner, and Miss Zelia Phillips, are attractively arranged with individual and community booths vieing with exhibits of womens club work in attracting visitors.

Community booths, displaying the varied products of the county, are being exhibited by Fish District, Mountain Home, Esom Hill, Cedar Creek, Brownings and Lime Branch. New Harmony is represented by a very representative booth entered by Rev. Robert Knight. Other attractive individual displays were entered by Charlie Huff and J. S. Hendricks.

Women's Clubs

The women of the county have a very complete display of needle work and basketry. The home demonstration clubs have several hundred exhibits of home canning and the Girls 4 H clubs have one of the most attractive displays of the entire exhibit, featuring canning and needle work.

Boys Clubs

The Boys 4 H Clubs have displays of their corn clubs, several pure bred calves and several entries of poultry as evidence of the worthwhile work accomplished during the past year.

Colored Exhibit

An entire tent is devoted to the displays of the colored schools and farmers of the county and the exhibits are fine examples of the county resources and school facilities. All visitors will be well repaid by at least one visit to this tent.

Midway.

The midway attractions are furnished by the Coe Brothers shows and include a number of new shows and rides. The entire midway is one of the most up to date and entertaining organizations that has been shown here.

Judging for the many exhibits began Monday afternoon with the women's booths first on the schedule. The community and individual booths together with all agricultural displays will be judged Thursday and Friday.

The fair will continue through the week with all displays in place through Saturday afternoon. The Coe Brothers attractions will continue without interruption through Saturday night.

NEGRO FARMERS EXHIBIT — PRODUCTS AT FAI

C. O. Brown, the negro Farm Agent of Baldwin county, took a large exhibit of farm products to the Southeastern Fair in Atalnta last week and won several first places in the prize awards.

In the Baldwin county display were one thousand ears of corn, five pens of chickens and ten dozen eggs. Baldwin county led in the thirty-three county exhibits of poultry and all pens were awarded first place. The best exhibit of eggs was also from this county.

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COLORED FAIR

The Montgomery County Colored Fair Association of Kentucky has not had any fair since 1928, or made any other investment of any kind because the directors thought it would not pay to do so.

We hereby give notice to all who are concerned, that this company will disband on May 12, 1931.

All the stockholders are requested to meet in Magowan's Building on Thursday night, May 7, 1931.

ALBERT KEITH, Pres.
JAMES E. MAGOWAN, Secy.

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Louisiana.

Thibodaux, La. Lafourche Comet
Thursday, February 12, 1931

INTERESTING REPORT REGARDING THE SOUTH LA. STATE FAIR OF DONALDSONVILLE.

Greater Economy and Care to be Exercised During 1931

Before considering plans for our nineteenth annual fair it may be well to review briefly the high points of the 1930 Fair.

From the view point of exhibits the recent fair was in spite of the general depression, probably the best we have ever held and after all it is the exhibit end of a fair which furnishes its chief value.

In nearly all departments of our 1930 fair the exhibits were numerous and of a very high order. Sixteen parishes were represented by outstanding exhibits in the agricultural building with the competition close and keen in every class of farm entries. For the second successive year Tangipahoa barely nosed out Lafourche Parish for the grand championship. Eight different states besides Louisiana were represented by champion pure-bred herds in the cattle and swine departments. The Dog Show—one of the best ever held in the State—had entries from eighteen different states in addition to those from Louisiana. The School Department, the Manufacturers Department and the Negro Department all showed substantial increases in the number of entries as well as improvement in the quality of the exhibits. The Poultry, the 4-H Club, the Textile. the Food Conservation and the Floral Departments were all creditable both in the number and quality of the exhibits. Only the Auto Department showed a distinct falling off in the number of exhibits—due mainly to the stagnation at that tme in the auto industry.

The grandstand program of circus and vaudeville acts together with music, fireworks and loud speaking equipment although not the best we have ever presented—was good and varied and sufficiently entertaining to have attracted the public under normal conditions.

Furthermore, the past fair was better advertised and received more favorable publicity from the press than any other in our history of eighteen years. Especially valuable was the cooperation and free publicity given us by the New Orleans Times-Picayune, the Baton Rouge State Times and most of the parish weeklies.

In spite of all these facts, however, and in spite of the unusual efforts put forth by the management it was not possible to overcome the effects of the universal depression and the receipts fell off in nearly every department of the fair as compared with those of last year. So, notwithstanding the policy of retrenchment adopted by the management at the beginning of the year, the annual report of the auditor shows a net loss for the year 1930 of $1569.52.

Although this loss is less than that in 1929 when the deficit reached the sum of $2330.70, our total current indebtedness now amounts to around $5500.00, a substantial part of which is represented by improvements constructed on our grounds.

It is true that $5500.00 is not a large sum. It is also true that practically every fair of consequence in the United States has lost money the last two years and especially the past year—the losses in many cases running into the thousands and tens of thousands of dollars. (In some cases the fairs even passed out of existence) It is true also that compared with other fairs throughout the country this fair is not in bad financial or physical shape. It owns a plant consisting of thirty acres of land eleven exhibit buildings which with incidental equipment is conservatively valued at $60,000.00. It receives an annual appropriation from the state of $4500.00, parish and municipal appropriations totaling as much more which with other revenues that even in times of depression such as we have suffered for the past two years will bring our total income to around $35.000.00 and in normal times to more than $40,000.00.

On the other hand we have a 10 year bonded indebtedness of $23,950.00 which pays interest at the rate of 6% and this current indebtedness of $5500.00 though it may seem comparatively small is awkard and embarrassing just the same. For that reason it is supremely important that we make a profit this year. It might prove fatal if we lost again.

So in view of these facts and because of the uncertainty of the future it is evident that our policy for the coming year should be one of drastic economy.

To that end salaries and wages must be reduced and expenses further curtailed in every department of the fair.

By this means it is possible that a saving of more than $3000.00 can be made without in any way affecting the integrity of the fair either by lowering the high standard of our exhibits or that of our entertainment program.

Furthermore, it should be our aim to obtain more financial assistance from some of the member parishes of this association—especially from those parishes which receive the most benefit from this fair. In 1929 we received from the various police juries total appropriation of $4750.00. In 1930 the total dropped to $4350.00. This year with redoubled efforts on the part of the management—especially if we can obtain the influence and cooperation of our directors who as a rule are the leading citizens in the communities in which they live—it may be possible to ncrease this total by fully a thousand dollars. In this connection, I am glad to state that the police jury of Ascension Parish has shown the way to the other parishes by including in its 1931 budget an appropriation for this fair of $750.00 which is an increase of $250.00 over the sum customarily appropriated in the past.

Now, if we can increase the total of police jury appropriations by $1000.00 and further reduce our operating expenses by $3000.00 both of which we can reasonably expect to do, it means that we will go into our coming fair this fall with a difference in our favor over last year of about $4000.00 which in turn means a reasonable profit even though based on the small attendance of last year.

Successful fairs are the result of cooperative effort on the part of the people of a community, section or state. The degree of success which any fair attains depends on its ability to interest the best brains and the best efforts of the people in the community which it serves. Whatever measure of success this fair may have attained, it owes largely to the fine cooperation it has received from the leading people of this and the other parishes in this association and especially to the untiring efforts of that loyal body of men who compose the Executive Committee who have given to it freely of their time and thought during its struggling existence of eighteen years. During these eighteen years—one of the most momentous periods in the history of this state and nation—this fair has survived both good times and hard times, both years of peace and plenty and years of war and self-denial—years of epidemic, of storm. of flood—and more than all years that saw the practical collapse of South Louisiana's principal industry and happily at last at its permanent rehabilitation.

Nor can I conclude this brief statement without a word of tribute to President L. A. Borne, who for the past two years has given so much of his time to this Fair. He has attended the annual conventions of the Louisiana Association of Fairs held in distant parts of the State, he has accompanied the secretary-manager to police jury meetings in far-away parishes and he has frequently met the other officers of this institution in special conferences. Furthermore, during each of the two years of his incumbency as president he spent the entire week of the Fair as an active officer in Donaldsonville.

Fortunate, indeed, is the organization that can enlist the interest of such men as have honored this Fair for the past eighteen years by serving it as president.

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Jackson, Miss., News
Thursday, March 19, 1931

Negro State Fair Leaders Encourage Farmers' Exhibits

1932 Premiums for Agricultural Entries Are Announced

An appeal issued today to negro farmers of the state from M. B. Brown and other officials of the Mississippi Negro State Fair urges cooperation for the 1932 agricultural exhibits and announces a number of attractive premiums to be awarded.

To the counties having the best collections of farm products, prizes of $50.00, $30.00, and $20.00 will be given for first, second, and third places respectively. The same awards will be given to the schools having the best booths. Several premiums are announced also in the boys' 4-H club division.

The appeal reads:

"To the negro farmers of this state: Greetings:

"The fair officials take this method to express their sincere thanks and profound gratitude to those of you who have taken such an active part and the interest you have manifested in bringing out some of the best of your farm products and putting them on display at the fair from year to year. Yet we feel that the negro farmers as a whole have not been as interested in this great movement as they should have been.

"The fair officials have spared no pains to make the Mississippi Negro State Fair the greatest cooperative project in the state owned and conducted by the colored people. We started a little over five years ago with nothing but a name; since then we have made marvelous progress. Today our state fair property is worth $70,000. We have a gas well on this property which has an estimated flow of 45,000,000 cubic feet of gas per day. We will drill two more wells on this same property in the near future.

"This proves that the fair officials are men of vision and are on the job looking after interest of the fair association. We are offering bigger and better premiums this year than ever before, and as planting time is on we ask that each farmer plant special patches of cotton, corn, peanuts, pumpkins, potatoes and other crops from which to select as the best products.

"It is up to the negro farmers to bring out plenty of farm products. Will you co-operate with the fair officials? We are expecting the 4-H Club to exhibit some of the best farm products at the fair this fall. The following is a partial premium list we are offering for 1931: (1) The county that puts on the best collection of farm products, first prize, $50.00; second, $30.00, and third prize, $20.00. (2) The school or college that has the best booth, first prize $50.00, second prize $30.00, and third prize $20.00. The boys' 4-H Club: The best ten ears of corn, first prize, $4.00, second prize, $3.00, and third prize $2.00.. Sweet potato exhibit must consist of one bushel: First prize $3.00, second prize, $2.00, and third prize, $1.00. Peanut exhibit must consist of one bushel, first prize $3.00, second prize, $2.00, and third prize, $1.00. Other exhibits such as cotton, soy beans, and sugar cane will be judged on this merit and will be paid accordingly.

"Respectfully yours,
"M. B. BROWN, Pres.,
"Negro State Fair."

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North Carolina

PLANS ARE BEING MADE BY NEGROES FOR COUNTY FAIR

A varied program of contests and entertainment features will be offered in the sixteenth annual Buncombe county Negro fair which will open on the Reed tract near Smith's bridge, in West Asheville, on September 7. The fair, which is expected to attract more than 10,000 persons from every portion of western North Carolina, will last one week.

Prizes will be awarded to the best entry in each exhibit in the agricultural exposition. The exhibits will consist of poultry, live stock, canned goods, pastry, breads, fancy work, and others. An all-county queen will be chosen and a better baby contest will be on the program. Jubilee singing contests, athletic events, string band contests, brass band concerts and midway attractions will be program features.

E. W. Pearson, of Asheville, chairman of the committee on arrangements for the fair, said Tuesday that the 1931 fair is expected to be the best in history.

Asheville, N. C., Citizen
Saturday, July 18, 1931

PEARSON SPEAKS ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR COLORED FAIR

E. W. Pearson, Asheville negro, secretary and promoter of the Buncombe County and District Colored Fair, an annual event in Asheville, spoke Thursday night in Tryon in the interest of the fair. Cary Jackson and Mary Wills were chosen directors to represent Polk county.

The fair this year will be held on September 7, Labor Day. Many exhibits are expected and a large number of amusements will be provided including fireworks, motorcycle races and "the great volcano fire leap."

Pearson yesterday revealed that dozens of persons in this section had written to make inquiry about the arrangements for exhibits. The exhibits last year were many and varied and efforts are being made to surpass that record.

"It appears that all records for the fair will be broken this year" said Pearson. "We have had letters from many sections of the state and Asheville colored folks are taking a great interest in the plans."

WINSTON SALEM, N. C.
JOURNAL

Colored Fair In September

The Rutherford County Colored Fair will be held the same dates as the white fair, Sept. 21-26th. Plans are going forward for a great fair for both races. The catalogue will go to press this week and should be out next month.

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Many Inquiries Received About Negroes' Fair

Dozens of inquiries have been received in recent weeks in regard to arrangements for the agricultural and industrial exhibits for the 1931 Buncombe County and District Negro fair on the Reed tract, near Smith's Bridge in West Asheville, on Sept. 7, E. W. Pearson, secretary and promoter of the fair, announced Saturday.

Pearson delivered an address in Tryon Thursday night in the interest of the fair. Cary Jackson and Mary Wills were chosen directors to represent Polk county.

STAR
Shelby N. C.

OCT 16 1931

SHOW THEIR METTLE

TAKE A STROLL, if you haven't, through the agricultura building at the Cleveland County Negro Fair and give the colored people of this section a hand. They have demonstrated the fact, by their agricultural exhibits and booths, that the white fair is not by itself in showing the value of living at home. The agricultural knowledge shown by the displays there are a credit to the race and as good, we believe, as can be found anywhere. The percentage of colored population in Cleveland county is larger than ever before and it is encouraging to note the sensible ideas outlined by them in their fair. Getting away from dependency on one cash crop in Cleveland county is a problem that hinges to a considerable extent upon the colored landowners and the colored tenants. That they have grasped the importance of this point is evident.

Colored Piedmont Fair

Everything is in readiness for the Colored Piedmont Fair this week. The management announces that this will be the best fair it has sponsored during the ten years since the institution was launched. The fair has grown in worth and popularity from year to year and is an asset of much value to the negroes of this section of the State. They have shown initiative and displayed progress in organizing it and carrying it on from year to year.

The management announces that the displays will be better than ever this year. Crops have been unusually good, and negro farmers are improving in agricultural skill every year. Other features of the fair will be good, and the occasion will be entertaining as well as educational. The Colored Piedmont Fair merits patronage from the negroes, and white folk will find it worth their while to make the most of this opportunity to see the progress the negroes are making as indicated by displays and exhibits at the fair.

Oklahoma

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Exhibits By Oklahomans Awarded First Prizes

Tulsa Tribune 10-20-31

Washington D.C.

MUSKOGEE, Okla.—(ANP) At the Oklahoma Free State Fair held here this week first prizes were awarded many Negroes who had exhibits at the fair. Old citizens estimate that a larger number of first awards were given to Negroes for exhibits at the 1931 State fair than at any previous one.

There were over 700 items exhibited by Negroes. The Muskogee Federation of Colored Women's Clubs was well represented and the 4-Hi Club also had a large number of exhibits. Several schools of Muskogee county had exhibits and all Negro schools of the city of Muskogee had interesting exhibits. The Moton High School, Taft, and the Friendship School, Oktaha, had the larger exhibits from the county schools. The Oklahoma State Fair Association employed three prominent Negroes—two women and one man. The two women were general manager and assistant manager, while the one man served as superintendent of the building. The 4-H Building was crowded at all times throughout the fair by visitors of both races. Great surprise was expressed at the quality, variety and arrangement of the exhibits and high compliments were paid the Negro sponsors by the State Fair Association and the thousands who visited the section as well. The Oklahoma State Fair Association expressed perfect satisfaction at the co-operation given by the colored population and indications point to larger appropriations and greater latitude for Negro exhibitors at the 1932 Oklahoma State Fair.

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South Carolina.

Charleston, S. C., Evening Post
Saturday, February 7, 1931

COLORED COUNTY FAIR

Farm Products Exhibitions Have Attracted Large Attendance

Editor Evening Post, Sir: Because of the frequent inquiries by our friends and well-wishers and the lack of knowledge on their part touching the organization, work and progress of the Charleston County Farmers Agricultural, Industrial and Educational Fair Association, we have decided to, in this way, acquaint the public of the truth. The members of this community know that the doors of a county fair held on Marion Square beginning Nov. 10th, 1924, were thrown open to the colored people not only for inspection, but also for the display of their exhibits. It was noticed then that while upwards of two thousand school children and their teachers took advantage of the opportunity, there was a noticeable scarcity of grown ups, although Sam Faber as manager, with J. C. Berry as secretary, and the Inter-racial group did all they could to awaken interest. Those who worked meant however to succeed, and so during the fall of the succeeding year, Nov. 1927, the first Colored County Fair was held on Viett's Lot, up the Meeting St. road, and was attended by about 15,000 persons. So great was the interest manifested on that occasion and the determination of the management to perfect the organization, that application was made to the secretary of state, and a charter granted in 1928, to Sam Faber, Cynes Gads and others as an industrial, educational and agricultural institution for the colored people of Charleston.

The second colored fair was held the week of Nov. 26, 1928, on the grounds of the Burke Industrial school, and was atended by about 25,000 people. It was very apparent that the interest of the people were aroused greatly, and the exhibits were very creditable.

The third annual fair was again held on the grounds of the Burke school and the adjacent lot, Nov. 18-20, 1929, and was attended by upwards of 30,000 persons.

The fourth fair, as in the last previous years, was held on the Burke school grounds and adjacent lot, Nov. 1930, with an attendance of about 30,000, and greatly exceeded the previous efforts of the management. The exhbits were very creditable, and the amusements of a high class.

In the parade on emancipation day of this year a float with iodine products, and in connection with the Farmers' association, was supervised by the principal and teachers in the James Island school, as represented by the following: M. Fields, Society Corner school; A. Murray, Cut Bridge school; F. Greenwood, Three Trees school, and A. Patrick, Sol Legare school.

Sam Faber.

Charleston, Feb. 7.

Columbia, S. C., State
Monday, June 8, 1931

NOW PREPARING FOR NEGRO FAIR

The premium list and bulletin for the annual State Negro Fair are being prepared for the press, according to an announcement by Dr. A. J. Collins, president.

The president, with Greene Jackson, secretary, C. G. Garrett, superintendent and H. D. Marshall met in Collins' office last week and went over the premium list and will make known in a few days the various premiums to be offered this year. The committee also arranged to hold the Negro fair at the close of the fair for white people. The dates fixed are October 26 to 31 inclusive.

C. G. Garrett, the superintendent of the fair, has returned from a trip over the state and said that Negro planters were hopeful of good crops this year and that many of them as well as heads of Negro schools had promised to place exhibits at the fair next fall.

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Tennessee

NEGROES PLANNING FAIR.

Exposition to Be Held at Tri-State Grounds Oct. 5 to 10.

Announcement that the Colored Tri-State Fair Association will hold its twenty-first annual fair from Thursday, Oct. 8, through Saturday, Oct. 10, at the Tri-State Fair Grounds was made yesterday by Dr. L. G. Patterson, secretary-manager of the association.

A special feature of the fair for this year will be the presence of the Tennessee State College concert singers for the first day. There will be the usual exhibits of agriculture, needlework, handicraft, industrial science, machinery and livestock. In addition, harness races will be held and there will be fireworks every night in front of the grandstand. The closing day will be featured by a program of automobile races.

NEGRO FAIR SHOWS ADVANCES OF RACE

10-9-31

Multitude of Exhibits and Baby Contest Vie for Interest of Crowds.

From the class rooms of negro schools and the tenant houses of plantations throughout the mid-south exhibits reflecting the enormous strides in education, thrift and art made by the race in recent years filled the exposition buildings of the Mid-South Fair yesterday as the annual negro tri-state fair opened.

Despite the lure of harness races, the afternoon attendance yesterday was small but sundown found the midway and the woman's and educational buildings thronged as the working negro populace of the city swarmed out.

Baby Show Popular.

A concert by singers from Tennessee State Teachers College in Nashville was the feature event of the evening, while a baby show under the direction of Dr. L. G. Patterson with the assistance of negro nurses of the city health department drew the largest crowd in the afternoon.

The exhibits this year are more numerous than last, and R. H. Brown, county agent, expects last year's attendance mark of 35,000 to be exceeded.

The displays in the woman's and educational buildings are exceptionally fine, reflecting credit on the teaching staffs of the negro schools.

The most poignant feature of the negro fair, shortage of hogs in the cotton states is still a problem to be solved and its solution rests largely on the negro farmer.

The schools represented in the displays of agricultural products, preserving and canning, embroidery, map and model making, etc., included: Bartlett, Barret Chapel, Denmark, Millington, Capleville, Oakville, Collierville, Arlington, Lucy, Brunswick, Germantown, Shelby County Training School, the Memphis city schools and the schools of Chester, Fayette, Crockett and Franklin counties and those of Jackson, Tenn.

Contrast Tenant Houses.

A noticeable feature of many of the exhibits was the contrasting models of ancient and modern tenant houses, the latter made with the utmost attention to sanitations and protection from cold.

The embroidery, dress making canning and preserving exhibits of the negro school girls were excellent while the farming prowess of the boys was reflected in splendid specimens of every grain and vegetable common to the mid-south and many new ones only recently introduced in this section.

One whole side of the woman's building is given over to the displays of numerous women's art clubs, little groups of negro women, who make exquisite embroidered pieces to sell.

KNOXVILLE, TENN.
JOURNAL

OCT 10 1931

As the Fair Comes to an End.

Knoxville does not bring her annual fair season to a close without recognition of every group for whose progress and good work and welfare the institution stands.

Thus the East Tennessee Division Negro Fair which opened at Chilhowee Park, on Wednesday night, and which is pronounced by visitors of both races the best yet held in the six years of its existence, is of interest as representing a very substantial and progressive group of citizens and one indeed whose welfare is a part of the community's own.

Like the exhibits of the first week of the Fair, those of the days allotted to the Negroes represent the thrift and ambitions of practical and homely ways of life. Orchard and barn yard and garden and farm are in evidence there, pantry and kitchen too, and the many art and comforts that thrift and good work accomplish.

In all, the success of the Fair days given over to the Negroes is significant of the united progress and ambition of our entire city and section of East Tennessee.

MEMPHIS, TENN.
PRESS-SCIMITAR

OCT 7 1931

The Negro Fair

The Colored Tri-State Fair, which opens at the Fairgrounds Thursday, promises to be the most successful ever held.

The negroes of the Memphis territory have made tremendous advances in diversification, in domestic science, in manual art and in community health work. The fair will show the progress that has been made.

Every encouragement should be given to the Colored Tri-State Fair.

It is an educational institution of far-reaching influence.

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PROFS. LEAVE SEGREGATED NEGRO FAIR

MARSHALL, Texas, Oct. 8—Negro children were struck over the face and head with the cord of a police club by a white policeman named Bacchus, and race members insulted and segregated in the stadium on Negro Day at the Central East Texas Fair here last Friday.

The children first had been yelled at and driven like cattle, and then beaten. Previous to this, colored fans watching the football game between Wiley College and Houston Junior College had been ordered to sit in the upper back part of the park stadium.

So outrageous were the events that many prominent people left, among them Prof. O. A. Fuller and wife, of Bishop College, Prof. J. W. Moore and wife, principal of Hill Side School and Prof. L. W. Thompson, principal of Park School.